



Public Notice

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Pittsburgh District

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US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 200301048

Date: November 3, 2003

Notice No. 03-54

Closing Date: November 23, 2003

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

2. APPLICANT: Engineering District 12-0
Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation
P.O. Box 459
North Gallatin Avenue Extension
Uniontown, PA 15401

3. LOCATION: in an unnamed tributaries to Turtle Creek and Small Run, tributary to Beaver Run in Murrys ville and Salem Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Engineering District 12-0, proposes to construct the U.S. Route 22 Improvement Project (S.R. 0022, Section B02). The project extends from the Cozy Inn cutoff in Murrys ville to the Route 66 Interchange at its eastern connection in Salem Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The existing highway will be widened to four lanes and in other areas, six lanes with a center median divider. The total project length is approximately 4.2 miles. Culvert extensions would result in permanent stream impacts to Small Run, a tributary of Beaver Run, and five unnamed tributaries to Turtle Creek. Temporary impacts to unnamed tributaries to Turtle Creek would occur, because some channel relocations or shifts are required to align the channel with the extended crossing structures. This project includes five extensions to existing arch culverts on the SR 022 mainline, a culvert replacement on SR 4026 and various cross pipes. The highway widening project would directly affect, through enclosures, extensions to existing culverts and culvert replacements, a total of 683.73 linear feet of perennial stream. The culverts would be sized to accomodate anticipated high flows. Ten wetlands, ranging in size from 0.01 acre to 0.52 acre, would be impacted for a total of 0.933 acre. Wetland mitigation will be carried out at a minimum ratio of 1:1 to replace the lost functions of the impacted wetlands. Appropriate measures would be taken to offset impacts to stream habitats. These measures may

include, but are not limited to: stream bank protection and/or rehabilitation, placement of riprap and the planting of riparian buffers along the relocated sections. The stream mitigation measures are intended to create additional riparian and aquatic habitats, improve water quality, allow passage for aquatic organisms and stabilize streambanks. Drawings of the proposed project are attached to this notice.

5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant is required to obtain an encroachment permit which includes State 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Southwest Regional Office
Soils and Waterways Section
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745

Telephone: 412-442-4000

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

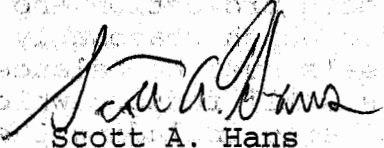
9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Richard Sobol,

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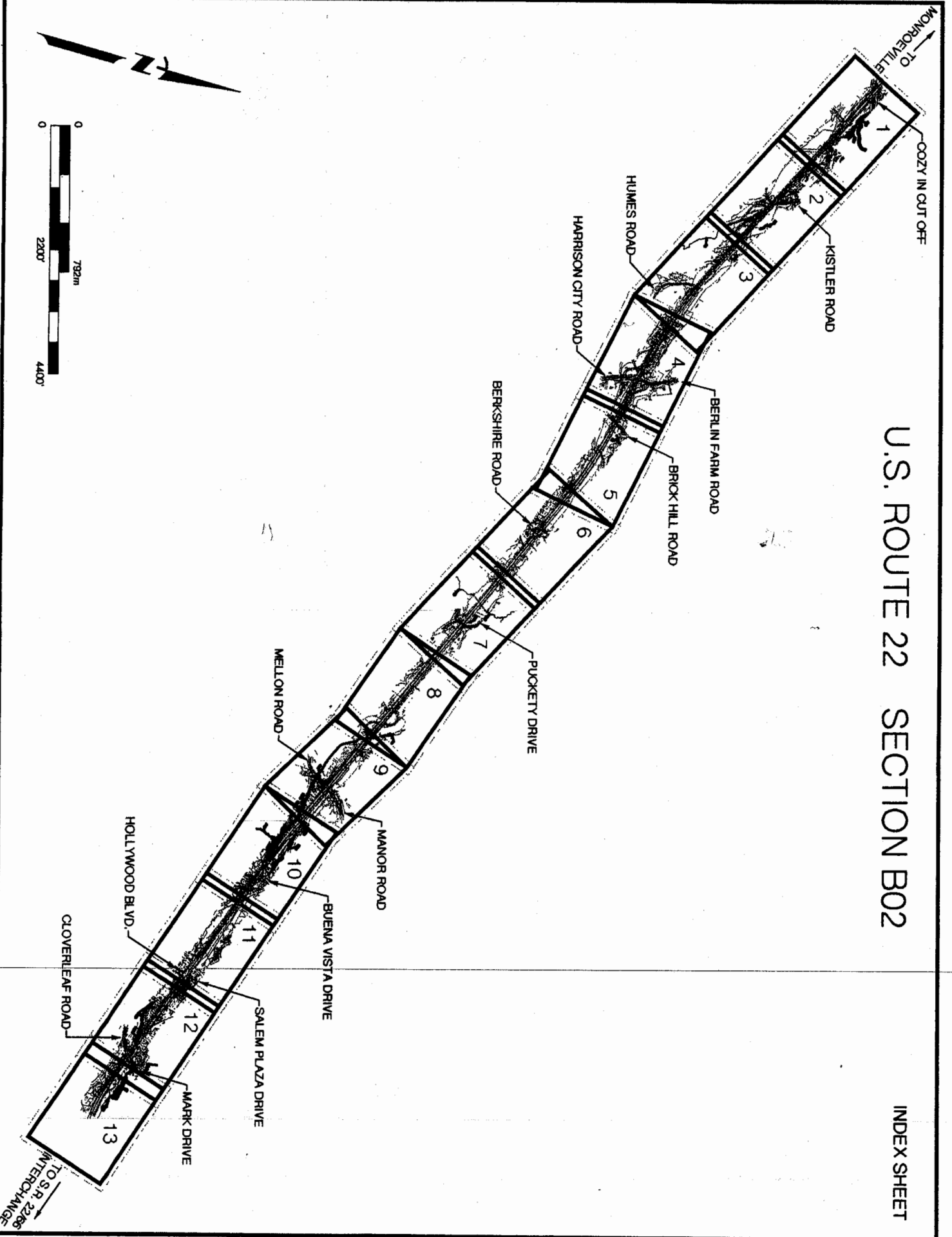
at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7153, or by e-mail
at: richard.sobol@usace.army.mil Please refer to CELRP-OR-F
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FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

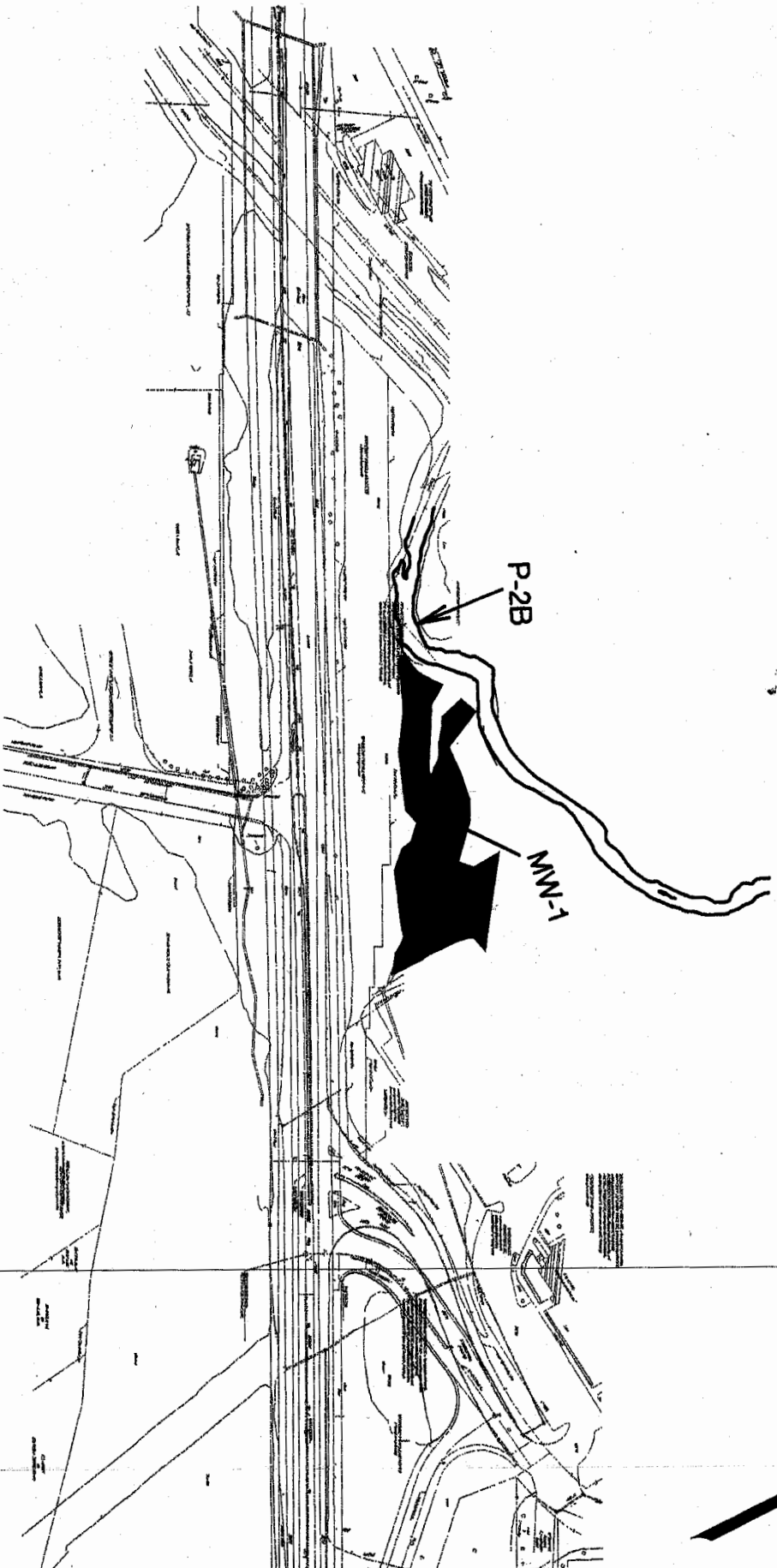

Scott A. Hans
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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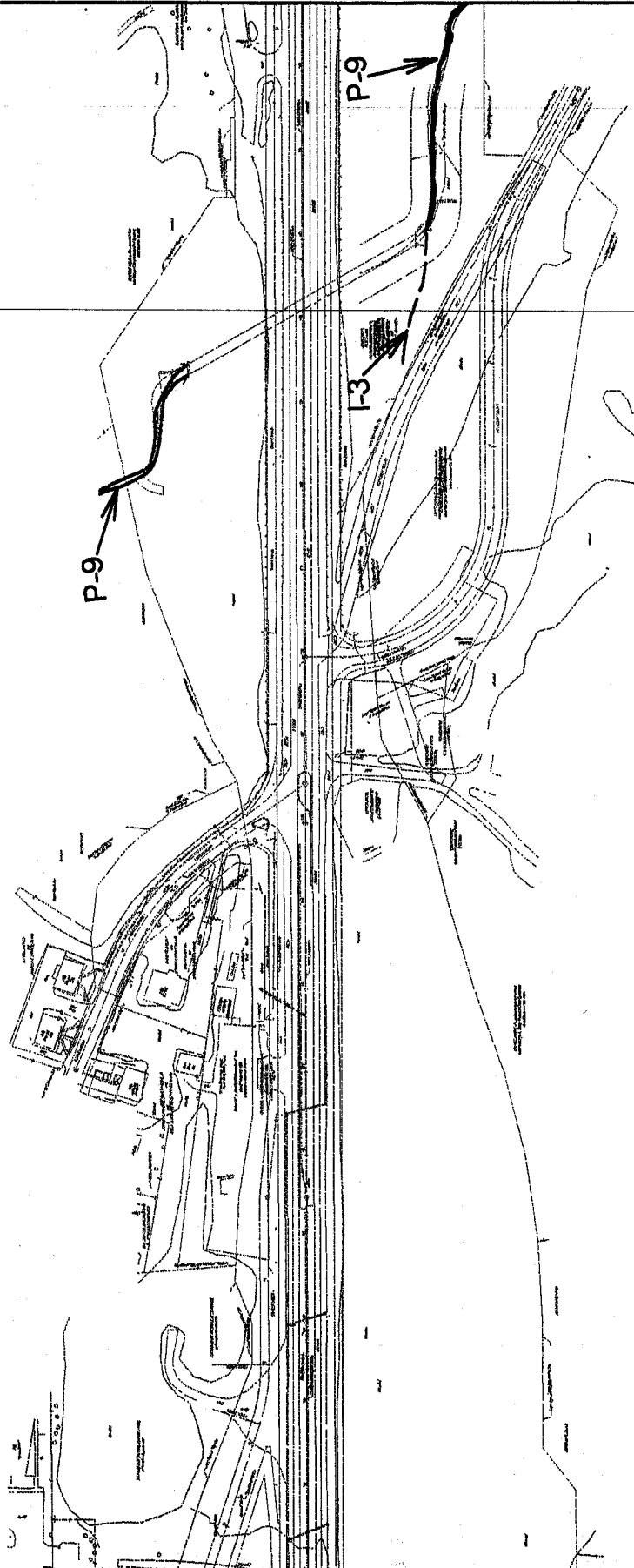


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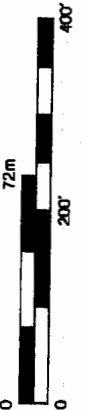
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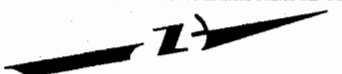
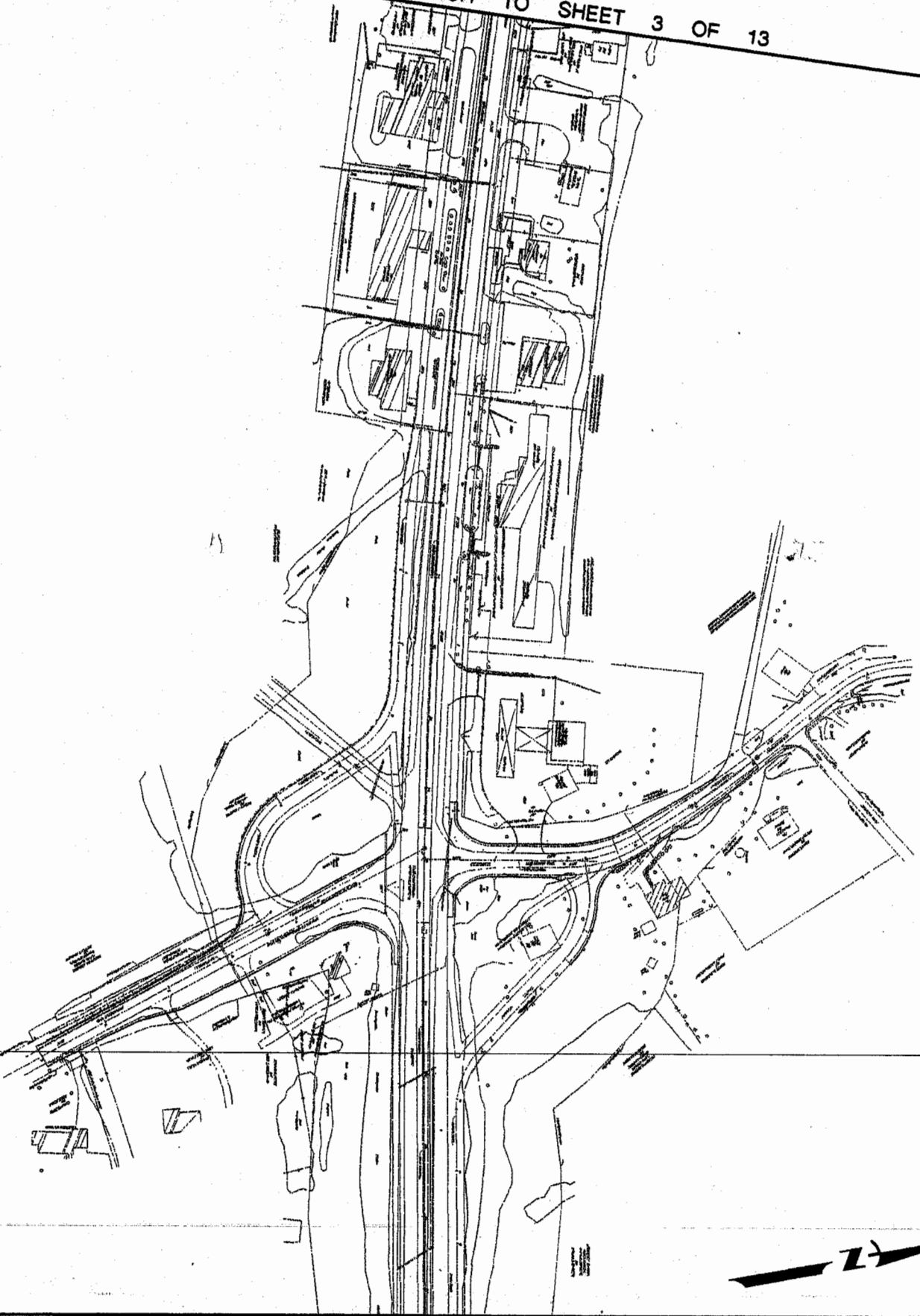
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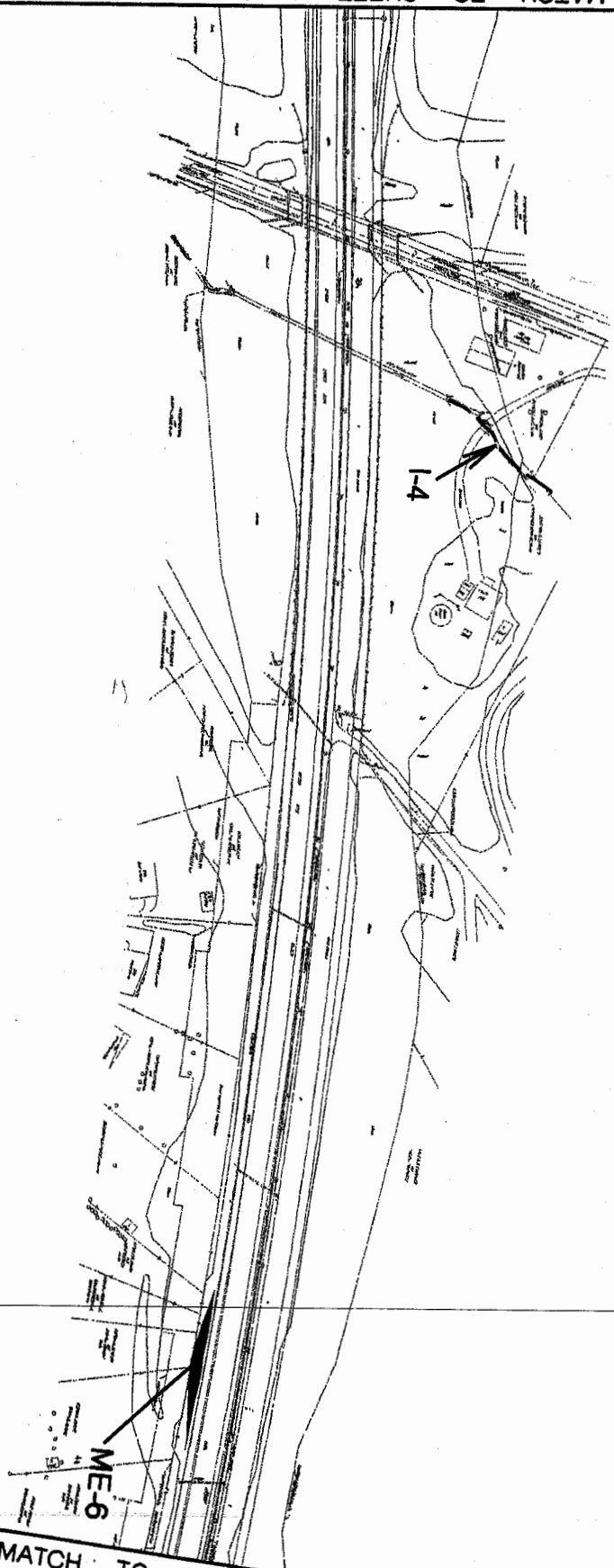


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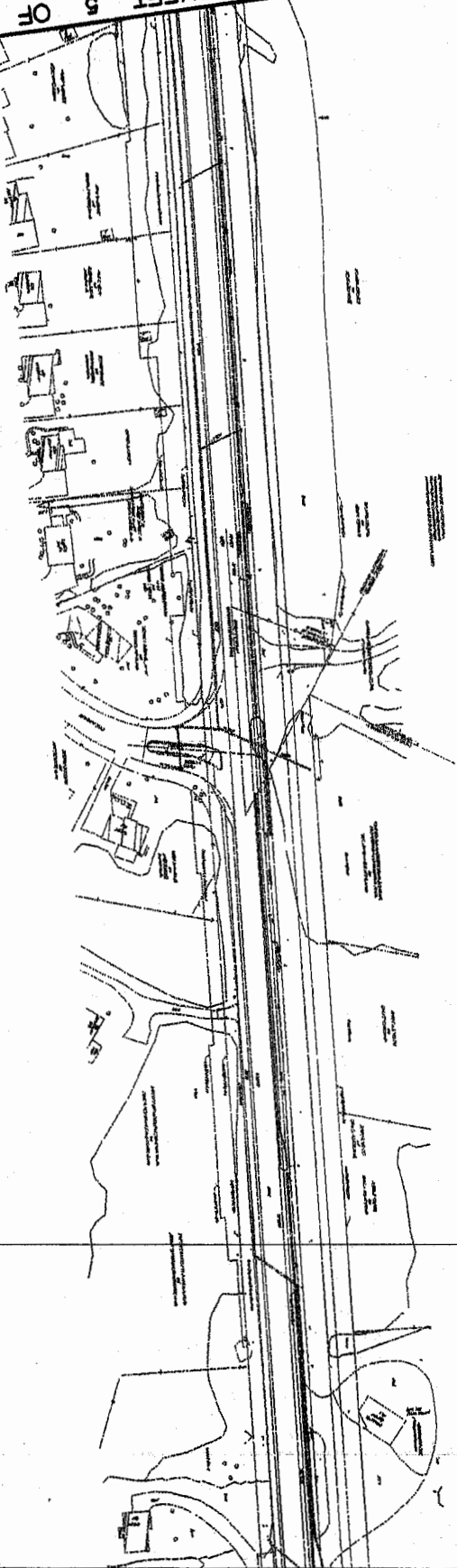
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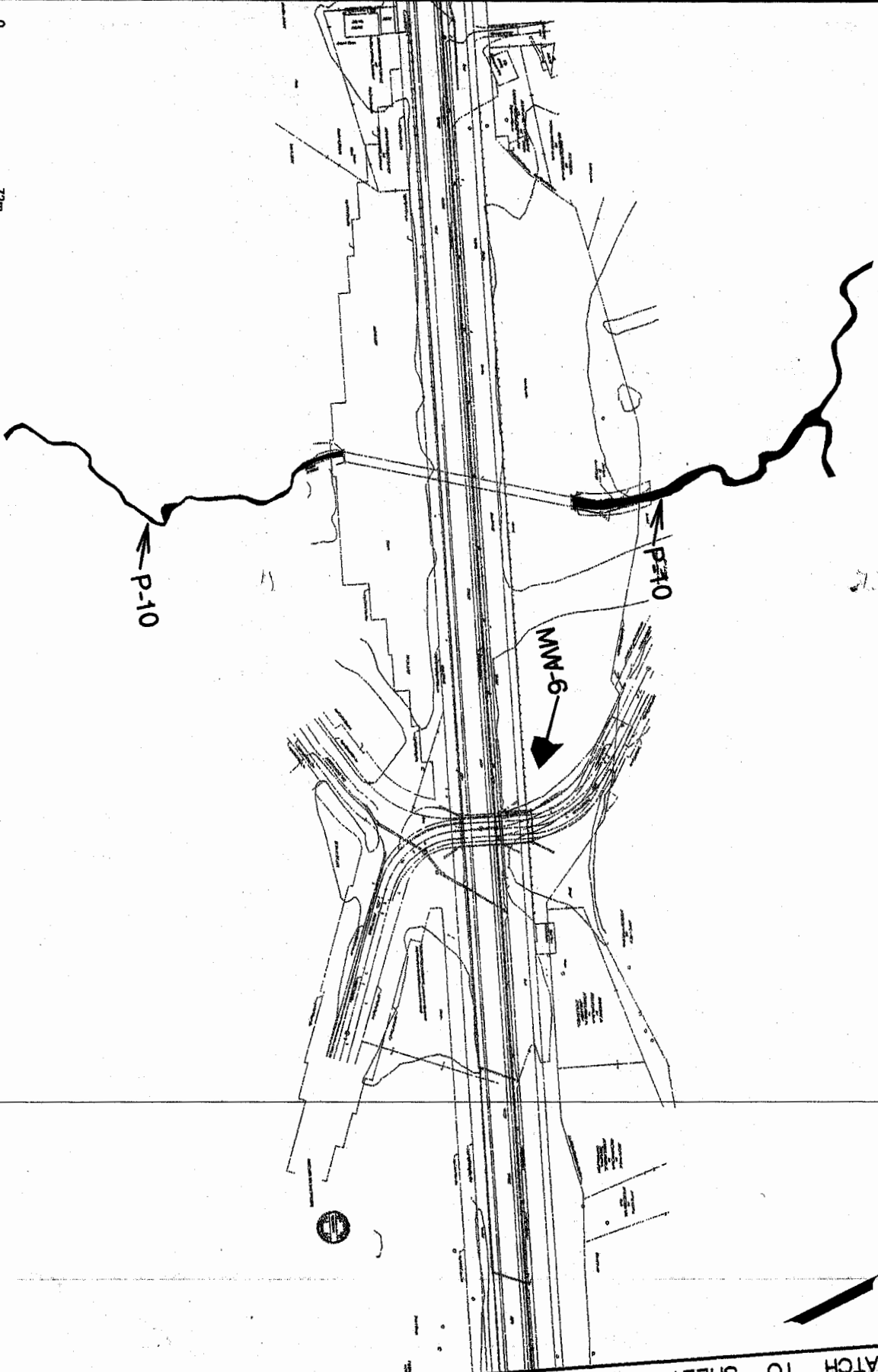
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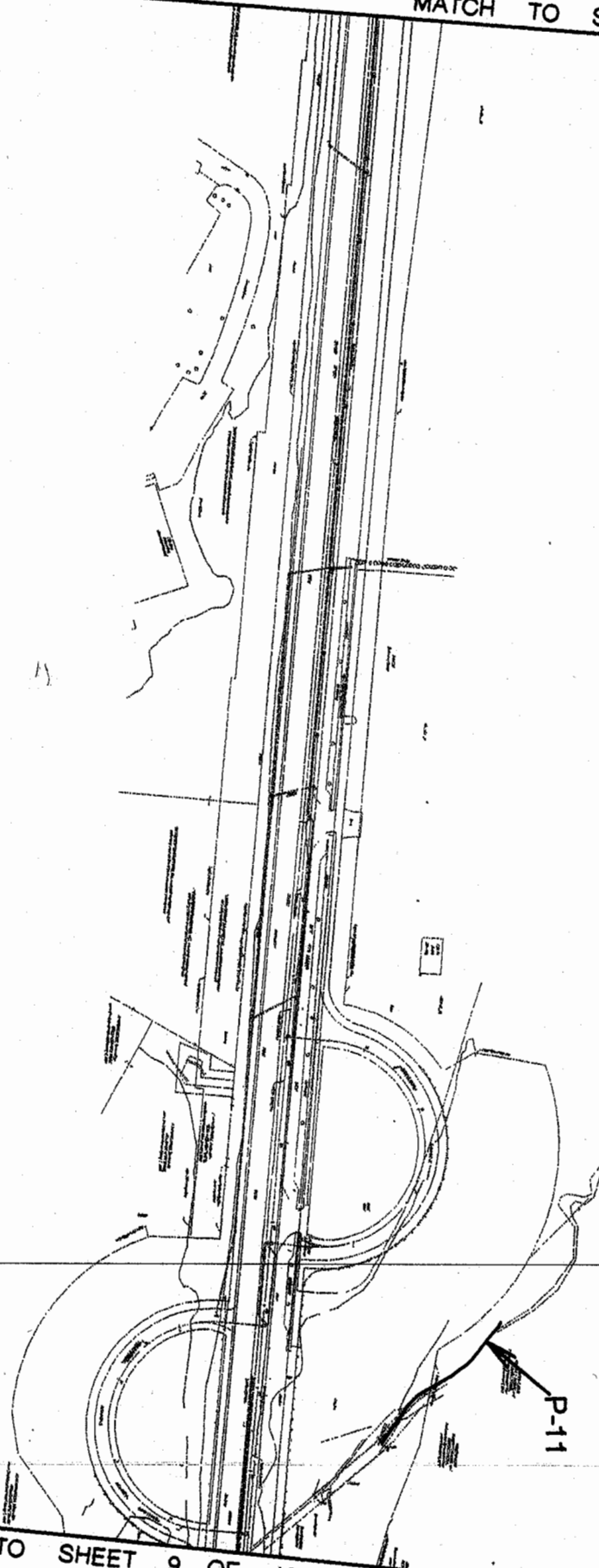
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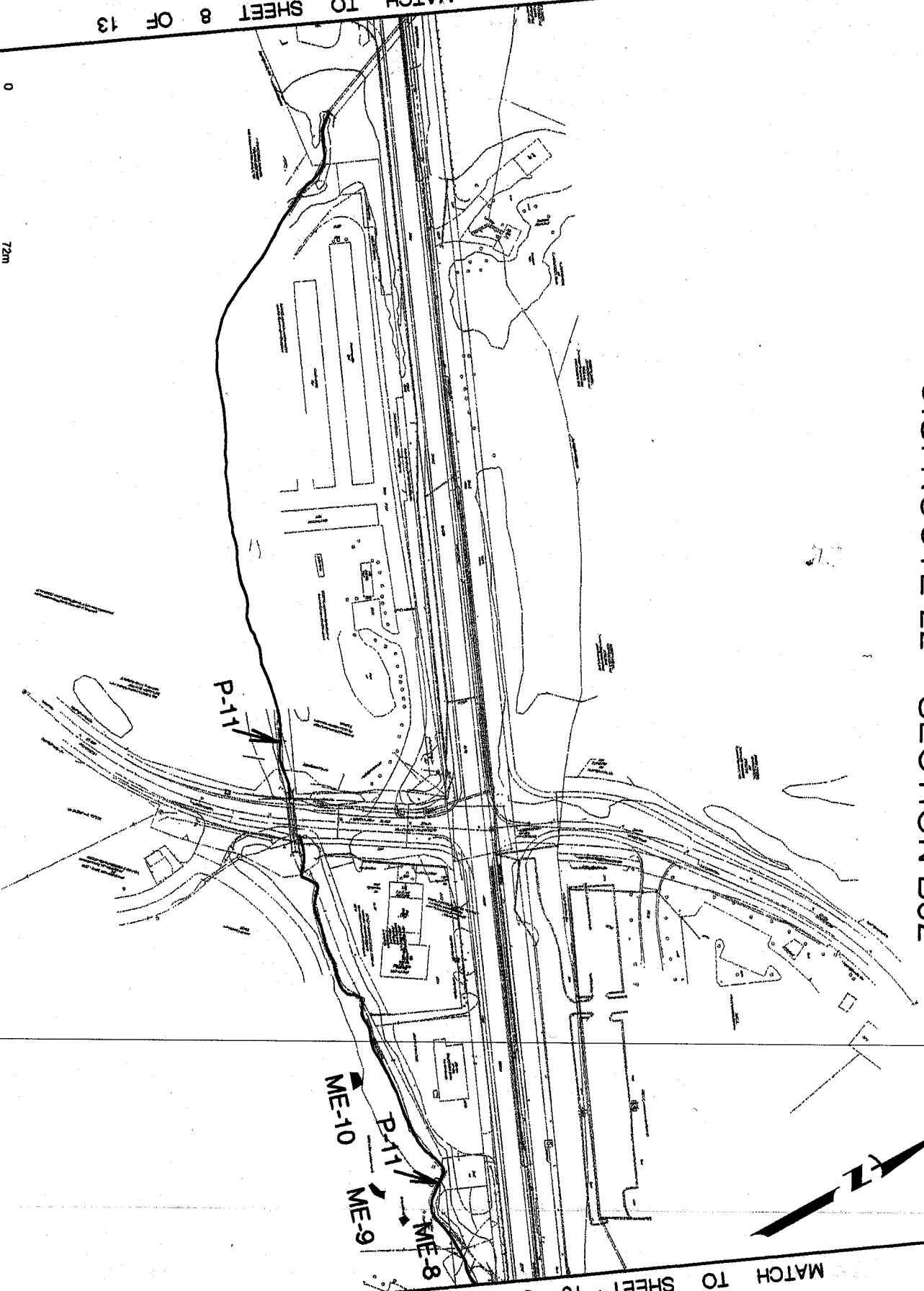


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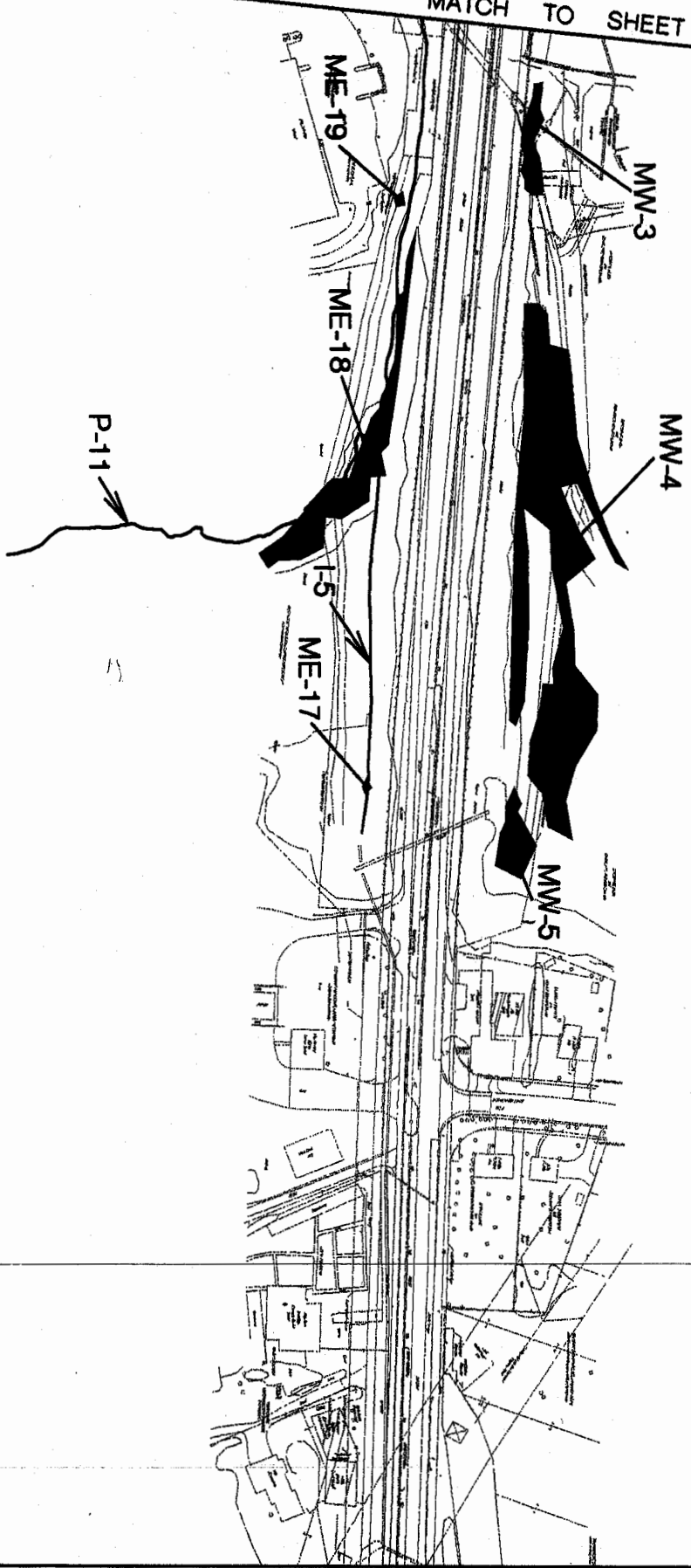
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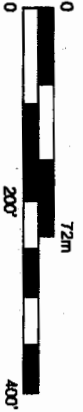
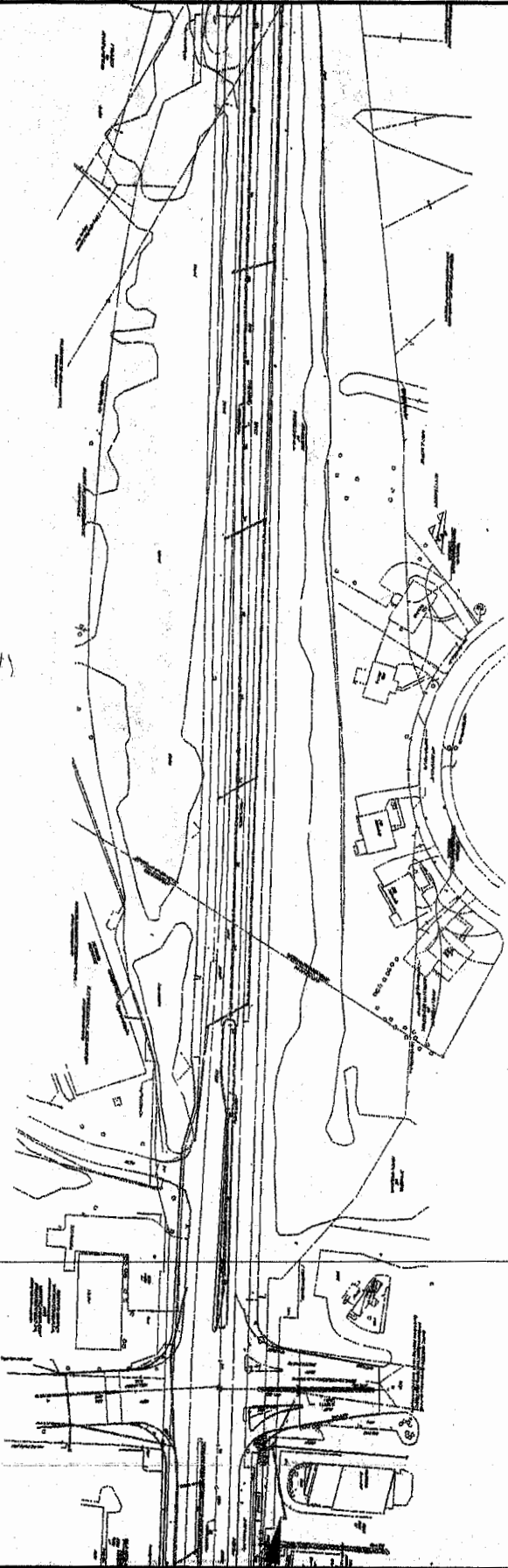


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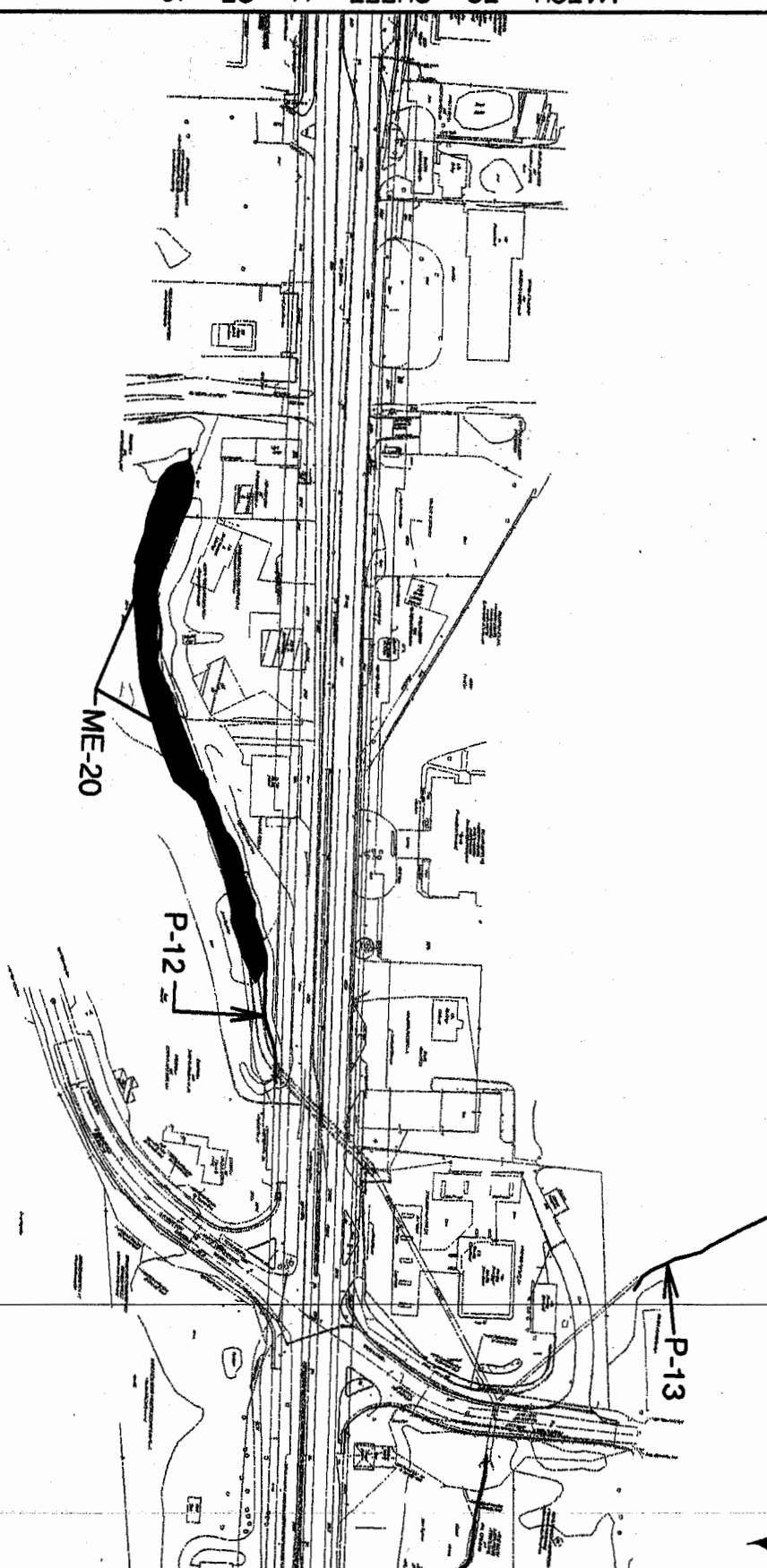
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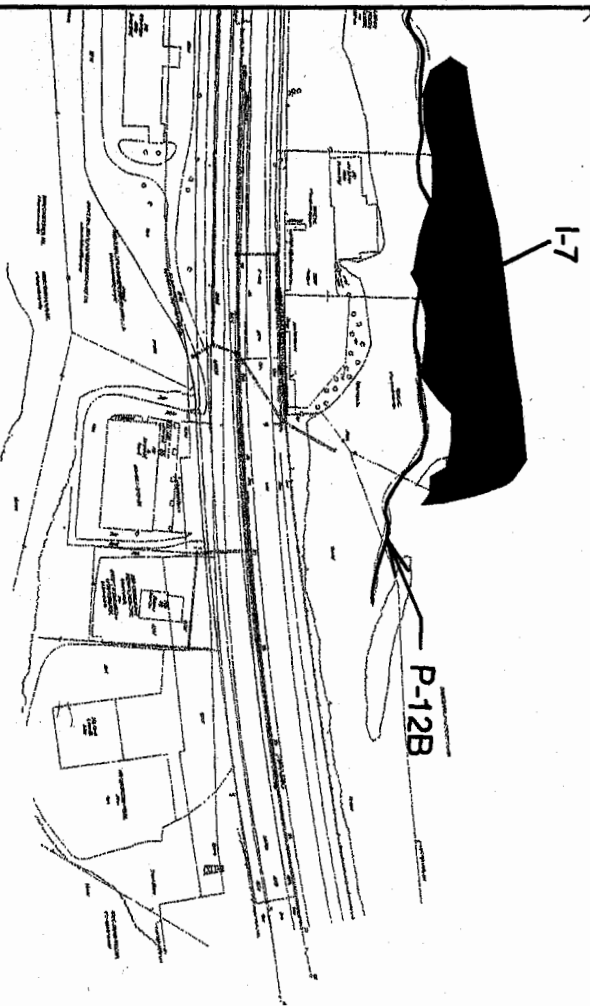


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